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SUBJECT: CHAVAN ON INDO-US AND INDO-PAK RELATIONS

1. FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN WOUND UP A TAME TWO-DAY DEBATE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN THE LOK SABHA (LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT) APRIL 16. HE SAID, INTER ALIA, THAT NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH BOTH US AND PAKISTAN HAD BEEN STOPPED BY THE US DECISION TO LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO. "WHAT A TIME FOR THAT TO HAPPEN," HE SAID, NOTING THAT THE EMBARGO HAD BEEN IN EFFECT FOR TEN YEARS. IT IS NOT THE SUPPLY OF A FEW ARMS WHICH CONCERNS INDIA, HE CONTINUED, BUT THE POLICY OF "CREATING BALANCE OF POWER THROUGH ARMS SUPPLY." LATER, SPEAKING SPECIFICALLY ON INDO-US RELATIONS, HE SAID THAT THE FUTURE DEPENDS ON US "ACCEPTANCE OF OUR NATIONAL SENSITIVITIES." HE AGREED WITH MEMBERS WHO HAD REMARKED THAT THE US AND THE SOVIET UNION SHOULD NOT BE EQUATED. AS CHAVAN EXPLAINED IT, THE SOVIET UNION HAD STOOD BY INDIA IN TIME OF CRISIS, AND "A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED." AS THE TAIL END OF HIS STATEMENT, IN  
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RESPONSE TO A SPECIFIC INTERVENTION ABOUT CHILE, HE REMARKED THAT

SOME POWERS WERE UNHAPPY WITH RADICAL REGIMES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TOOK OPPORTUNITIES TO DISLODGE THEM. BUT CHAVAN THOUGHT INDIA WAS TOO STRONG FOR THAT. HE SAID NOTHING ABOUT DIEGO GARCIA.

2. ON INDIA-PAKISTAN RELATIONS, CHAVAN SAID THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE MAKING HALTING PROGRESS BEFORE THE LIFTING OF THE US ARMS EMBARGO. THE US ARMS POLICY DECISION "CREATED DIFFICULTIES", BUT HE PLEDGED INDIA TO CONTINUED EFFORTS TOWARD NORMALIZATION. SEPARATELY, HE NOTED PAKISTANI BELLIGERENCY TOWARD AFGHANISTAN AND EXPRESSED INDIAN SYMPATHY FOR AFGHANISTAN. INDIAN RELATIONS WITH AFGHANISTAN WERE GOOD - HE HOPED THEY WOULD BE GOOD WITH PAKISTAN ALSO - AND INDIA WOULD LIKE TO SEE PROBLEMS RESOLVED PEACEFULLY.  
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